

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
October 17, 2017
10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Rusty Adams
Ms. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Ms. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Robert Motley
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Mr. Lawton Stephens

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Steve Hollis

SPECIAL GUEST

Dr. Chris Morgan, Program Chair, Agriculture Program

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mr. Rusty Adams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the October board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Daniel congratulated the Adult Education faculty and staff for their award they won. A photo was taken.

Dr. Chris Morgan presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Agriculture Program at Athens Technical College. The program began in 2014 and is still fairly new at the college with thirty-six students currently in the program. Agriculture is Georgia's leading industry with a Farm Gate Value of \$13.8 billion in 2015. Madison County is number one in the state for poultry and egg production.

Students in the Agriculture Program have a choice of taking an Associate of Applied Science or a Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC). Students taking an Associate of Applied Science can specialize in an area including poultry science, horticulture, or animal science. TCCs include specializations in agricultural systems and mechanics and precision agriculture.

Prospective employers for students who graduate from the program include self-employment, USDA, Centurion, Pilgrims, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Forestry Commission, and Select Trees.

Dr. Morgan's vision for the future includes continued growth through recruiting, expanding facilities, collaboration with UGA, and including some specializations for the program. He plans to visit more high schools, career and college fairs, State FFA Convention and hosts high school contests. In the future, he would love to have an outdoor laboratory as well as a green house.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Adams called for approval of the September minutes. Scott Hardigree made a motion to approve the minutes and Mixon Robinson seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2017.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. James Price presented a Hair Designer TCC for approval. This TCC will be taught at the Whitworth Women's Correctional Facility and will consist of thirty-nine credit hours. The TCC is embedded in the Cosmetology Program and will make women more employable once they are released.

Mr. Price asked the board for approval of the Hair Designer TCC. Rebecca Dally made a motion to approve and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Hair Designer TCC was approved.

Mr. Price introduced the new Dean of General Education and Online Learning, Dr. Jennifer Palmer.

He is hoping to have the Dean of Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing position filled by November 1st.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. There will be a Fall Graduation Expo coming up next week where students can obtain information from different vendors as well as other colleges.

She attended a meeting with TCSG last week to review the application for the Greene County Career Academy. She thought the meeting went very well. Another meeting is scheduled in Atlanta.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ilka McConnell passed out marketing materials and information for classes being taught by her team.

ADULT EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an Adult Education update. They have started giving away buttons when students have completed their second, third, and fourth GED tests. Students also receive a button when they have earned their GED.

They are ahead in enrollment from this time last year. They are up 106 students. Completions are up 16%, transitions are up 60%, and GEDs are up 50%.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She attended a ribbon cutting for the new Adult Education van. She thanked Mr. Scott Hardigree for attending the event.

The 4th Annual OWL Awards will take place on November 2nd at 11:00 am at the Classic Center. Tickets are \$100. Sponsorships are also available.

Dr. Daniel reminded board members about the Physical Therapy Assistant Golf Tournament that is coming up on November 3rd.

She is happy to announce that enrollment is up 6.2% and FTE is up 5.7%.

She made a presentation to Piedmont Athens Regional recently and they have decided to continue their support of the college. She thanked Dr. Mixon Robinson for attending the presentation with her.

She also made a presentation to St. Mary's Hospital. She thanked Dr. Mixon Robinson for attending that presentation as well.

Naming of the Piedmont Athens Regional classroom has been approved by TCSG.

Facility projects are moving along well. The auditorium is going to be finished soon as well as the roof on the Elbert County Campus. The science lab on the Elbert County Campus is coming along. She is looking at putting in new carpet and doing some painting in Building B.

The oil painting of Dr. Tydings is coming along.

She attended the ribbon cutting for the Hart College and Career Academy.

The November board meeting date has been changed to November 14th.

She and Dr. Ilka McConnell presented a presentation on Haring to the State Board last month.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Adams asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. Ms. Barbara Cabaniss announced that she and Ms. Stephanie Benson are working on a permanent site for the Adult Education Center in Oglethorpe County.

Mr. Scott Hardigree attended the ribbon cutting for the Hart College and Career Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:40 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
October 17, 2017

Next scheduled Board Meeting: November 14, 2017

** Denotes action items that require a vote for approval by the local board.*